

## SESSION OF CONGRESS IS OPENED

Both Houses of National Legislature  
Called to Order at Noon in  
Shadow of National  
and World Politics

PRESIDENT TO READ  
MESSAGE TOMORROW

Will Outline Administration Pro-  
gram Including Defense Plans;  
Crowds Flock to Galleries  
of Capitol

By United Press.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The first session of the sixty-fourth congress convened at noon today in the last congressional meeting before the 1916 presidential campaign. All 434 members of the house and 32 senators (one-third of the whole senate), were sworn in. Of the former, 116; of the latter, 9, were new.

Resting upon the legislative program of the new congress today was the shadow of national and world politics. Tomorrow the administration's program will be outlined personally by President Wilson when he reads his opening message at the joint session. Its known, big, outstanding features are: National defense, revenue, war measures and government ship purchase.

There is a mass of other legislation comprising the largest, longest and most important program of a decade. Since adjournment of the sixty-third congress last March a score of new and vital questions have arisen in addition to many left over. Continuation of this session well into next summer is predicted by veteran legislators.

There were the usual mammoth crowds in both senate and house galleries at the opening. Today's actual business was confined to the routine of swearing in new members, organization of both houses and notification of the president of the new legislative epoch.

As the gavel fell at the stroke of twelve o'clock at both ends of the capitol, officials and spectators were sobered by the gigantic tasks looming ahead. Secretary Baker presided in the senate and South Trimble, house clerk, in the lower body pending Speaker Clark's election. After the routine tasks both bodies adjourned until tomorrow to await the president's message, according to ancient and legal precedent.

As complemented today, the result of congressional elections in November, 1914, the Democratic majority in the senate was increased from 13 to 16. In the house it was reduced from 143 to 24. The new senate line-up today was: Democrats, 56; Republicans, 40. The new house: Democrats, 229; Republicans, 196; Progressives, 7; Socialists, 1; Independents, 1. The last house had 286 Democrats, 125 Republicans, 17 Progressives and 1 Independent. For the first time since the sixty-second congress the Socialist party was again represented today, Meyer London of New York being the member.

Re-election of President Wilson and continued Democratic control of the nation's destinies was conceded by most legislators to hang upon the results of this session. Political flavor was added to the day by the presence in Washington of the Democratic national committee, which meets tomorrow to decide the time and place of the 1916 Democratic national convention. A week later the Republican national committee meets here for the same purpose. The reconvening of congress was heralded among all party leaders as marking the opening of the 1916 political campaign.

Both legislative and political interest centered in the administration's billion-dollar national defense program. Whether Democratic opposition would defeat the president's plans and also cause a breach in Democratic solidarity for the next campaign, caused much discussion. Chairmen of the naval and military committees had the bills practically drafted and ready for early introduction.

Presentation to congress today of the annual appropriation estimates in-

sured another billion-dollar congress. Increased expenditures for the navy and army preparedness program bulged the requests.

Unusual spectacular features of today's opening ceremonies offset the undertone of profundity. Women suffrage workers stormed the capitol. Galleries were ablaze with yellow pennants. In corridors and offices, workers buttonholed congressmen. The return to public life today of many Republican political warhorses was another feature. Among those who came back were Uncle Joe Cannon, Nick Longworth, Cy Sulloway of New Hampshire, Senator Curtis of Kansas, and Representatives Hill of Connecticut, McKinley, Sterling and Roden-

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## PLANNING TO ASSIST PLANTERS

Southern Bankers Meet in New Orleans; "Sell It Gradually," Slogan Proposed for Cotton Growers

By United Press.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 6.—Members of the Cotton States Bankers association met here today to formulate plans for aiding cotton growers to dispose of the 1915 crop in the most profitable way.

All suggestions centered about the slogan, "Sell It Gradually," originally proposed by Joe Hirsch, of Corpus Christi, president of the Texas Bankers' association.

"The production of sufficient feed crops in 1915 resulted in the southern farmer raising his cotton at the lowest cost in years," said Hirsch today. "Unless vigorous and continued efforts are made by southern bankers and business men it is feared the farmers will revert to the all-cotton crop next year—tempted by the high prices this year."

"Last year the south produced nearly 17,000,000 bales, the greatest crop in its history. Conservative business men all over the country believed that as a result of the enormous crop and the European war these would be an excess of 2,500,000 to 5,000,000 bales. Yet we find the world has consumed the greatest amount of cotton ever used in a similar period.

"With a short crop this year, variously estimated at from 10,000,000 to 12,500,000 bales, indications point to a reduction of the visible supply to a minimum. Let the farmer market his cotton gradually. Don't sell in three months what the world used in twelve. If you need money to follow this advice the bankers will aid you. Don't dump the cotton on the market. Sell it as the spinners need it."

The importance of general cotton warehouse construction throughout the south and uniform warehouse laws were also up for discussion.

Bankers, manufacturers, farmers and merchants from all parts of the cotton belt are present. The governors and other officials of the federal reserve banks in the Dallas, St. Louis, Atlanta, Richmond and New Orleans districts, also are here. The meeting will continue through tomorrow.

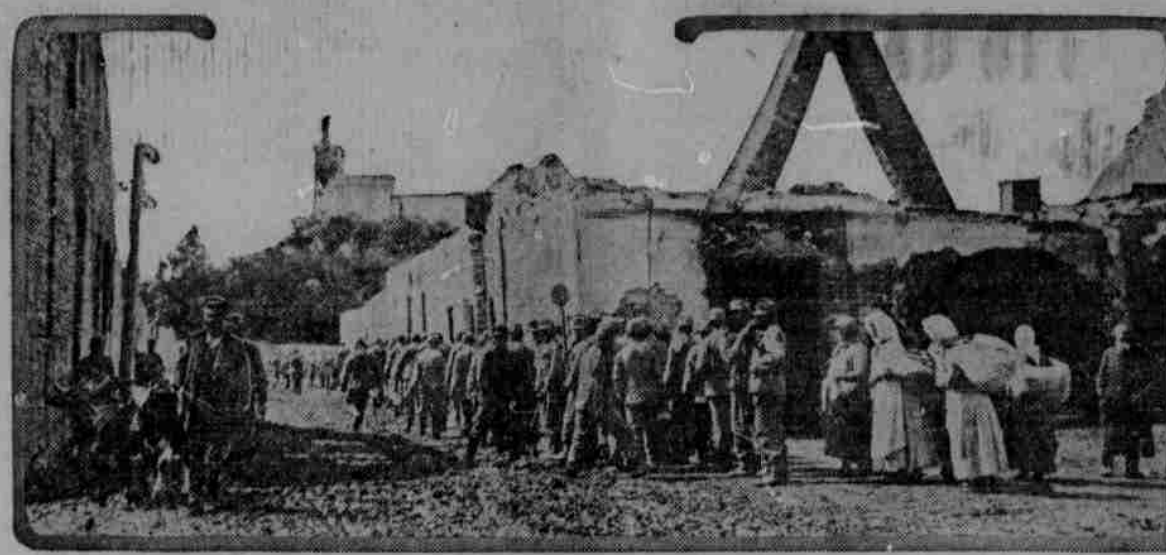
Oklahoma bankers are represented at the meeting by T. H. Dwyer of Chickasha. "Oklahoma is in fine shape in a business way," said Mr. Dwyer, "and the state seems to be entering upon a new era of prosperity."

## Sheriff Bailey is Back With Prisoner

Sheriff Hodge Bailey returned last evening from Memphis, Texas, with A. L. May who is wanted in this county upon a felony charge. May, formerly a resident of the Rush Springs neighborhood, removed his home to Memphis, Tenn., after having been arrested by Sheriff Bailey in 1914.

Mr. Bailey reports things in the Memphis country looking prosperous. He says that city is one of the best in west Texas. While in Memphis Saturday, Mr. Bailey stated he saw both the large cotton gins at that place destroyed by fire.

## AUSTRIANS CLEANING UP TOWN OF JAZEBOW



Effective work is being done in various sections of the battle-swept regions by the Austrian sanitation corps. This photograph graphically portrays the condition of the town of Jazebow just after the battle. The streets were littered with ruins, and in many places were found the corpses of defenders, vanquished and those who were not combatants, eager to flee from the scene. A detail from the Austrian sanitation corps is seen setting off on its "cleaning up" work. Behind it is a group of returning refugees.

## SALES DAY CROWD IS LARGE ONE

The crowds on the streets of Chickasha today are the good, old-fashioned First Monday crowds. Coming early, the streets of the business sections of the city were congested with a good natured, jostling crowd by nine o'clock this morning.

The monthly sales on Choctaw avenue were in full swing by 10 o'clock. Two sales were in progress, one in front of the new Doughty-McDonald building at the corner of Fifth street and Choctaw avenue and the other near the corner of First street and Choctaw avenue.

At these sales practically everything in the line of farm implements, live stock and household goods was offered. Mules and horses, cows and calves, walking plows and riding plows, stalk cutters and barrows, sewing machines and wash tubs, beds and bed springs, cooking stoves and heaters—In fact a little of everything which one person might not want and another might have offered under the auctioneer's hammer.

The crowds did not linger about the scene of the sale alone; neither were they content to wander about the streets, but went in and out the stores keeping the clerks busy and the store owners smiling.

## CO. BOARD IN SESSION

The board of county commissioners met in regular monthly session this afternoon, assembling at 2:30 o'clock.

Commissioner Corzine, presiding officer of the board, was unable to come to Chickasha in time for the board to meet this morning. Mr. Corzine has been in ill health for a number of days and thought for a time this morning that he would be unable to attend the meeting altogether.

The board will be in session until Wednesday or Thursday of this week. The passing upon a large number of accounts and the allowance of all claims against the county, together with one or two important road measures, will occupy the attention of the commissioners in addition to a lot of routine business.

## HAND DOPE TO MINISTERS.

The deputy court clerk of Grady county is of the gentler sex, but she has troubles of her own. And these blues sometimes get her peevish or "fled" as we used to say in the good old days. One of the chief of these troubles is the manner in which the ministers have of bungling and tangling up their reports whenever they play first fiddle to Cupid. In order to keep her disposition well within the required bounds the lady deputy, with every marriage license she sends out, row pencils on the return minute instructions to the minister who may perform the ceremony, as to how and when he shall fill in the blanks.

## SUFFS ARE RECEIVED BY WILSON

Campaign for Votes for Women is  
Launched with Opening of Congress; Monster Petition to Be Presented

By United Press.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—With the opening of congress today noon, suffrage workers made the capital city the field of their activities in behalf of the Susan B. Anthony suffrage amendment to the constitution; and at 12:30 p. m., a great delegation of suffragists was welcomed in the rotunda of the capitol by the house and senate committees on suffrage, led by Senator Sutherland and Representative Mondell.

At 2 p. m. President Wilson received 200 suffrage leaders in the east room at the white house. The campaign for the Anthony amendment will be planned at the week's session of the Advisory Council and Woman's Voters convention beginning Wednesday.

Today's receptions marked the arrival in Washington of Mrs. Sara Bard Field and Miss Frances J. Liffie, from San Francisco by motor, bearing the 500,000 signature petition asking congress to pass the suffrage amendment. The two were met by representatives from congressional union headquarters and local suffragists in cavalry, infantry and motor divisions. The procession went to the east steps of the capitol. Senator Sutherland and Representative Mondell there received the petitions and spoke briefly. The two women travelers replied.

The suffragists then marched up Pennsylvania avenue to the white house, where only the leaders were received by the president. The president was told of the petition to congress and that the suffrage workers want the democratic party to make an issue of suffrage.

Among the suffragists were: Colorado—Dr. Caroline Spencer, Colorado Springs; Connecticut—Mesdames George Day of Hartford, William Spencer Murray of New Haven, Annie G. Peritt of Hartford; Illinois—A. C. Bartlett of Chicago; Maryland—Emma Maddox Funck, Edward S. Latimer and Townsend Scott of Baltimore; Michigan—Miss Margaret Fay Whittemore, and Mrs. Eugene Shippen, Detroit; Minnesota—Mesdames A. R. Colvin of St. Paul, A. H. Bright, Gertrude Hunter and Alden H. Potter of Minneapolis, and Clara K. Fuller of Little Falls.

New York—Mesdames O. H. P. Belmont, Harriet Stanton Blatch, John Waters Brannon, John Dewey, Tiffany Dyer, Frederic C. Howe, Inez Milholland Boissevain, John Rogers, Florence Kelly, William Colt, Edward Fairfield Burton, John J. White, Crystal Eastman Benedict, Charles Beard and Robert Adamson of New York City; Miss Isabella Mott of Hamilton and Mrs. F. R. Hazard of Syracuse.

Pennsylvania—Mrs. Harriet Dalles, Mrs. Edwin Grace and Mrs. Lawrence Lewis of Philadelphia; Mrs. Agnes Jenks of Providence, R. I.; Vermont—Mrs. J. Borden Estee of Montpelier and Mrs. Mary L. Benedict of Barre; Virginia—Mrs.

## COURT CUTS THE PRICE OF FIDDLE

Love of sweet sounds possibly lead Herman Simpson to frame a story a few short evenings' since which resulted in his becoming the temporary owner of an instrument known as a fiddle, as long as the initial cost does not exceed five dollars, but a violin when the price reaches a higher scale.

But love of good things to eat also possibly lead the young gentleman to dispose of the fiddle-violin for \$2.50 in order that he might savor the creases of his interior grillings with beans and spuds and sole leather roast.

And then, as told in the Express of recent issue, a hold, bad policeman gathered Simpson into his arms and landed him in the city holdover from whence he was transferred to the county jail wherein he languished, unsoothed by music, until today when Allan K. Swan, assistant county attorney, filed charges against him and haled him before the bar of justice.

Judge Moore presided at that bar and decided whether or not the defendant should be held for the district court or be permitted to plead to petty larceny by fraud and take a jail sentence. The man from whom the fiddle-violin had been fraudulently acquired claimed that the music machine was worth forty-five dollars. The dealer from whom it had originally been purchased told the prosecuting attorney, so statement was made at the county law exchange this morning, that he had sold the instrument for twenty dollars. Then Judge Moore took a hand. Did he want to examine any witnesses as to the real value of the machine? He did not. A Ford might be worth as much as forty-five dollars to a man who really needed it, but a fiddle, never! No fiddle, this court opined, was ever made that was worth to anyone twenty dollars, let alone forty-five dollars. So, spake the fudge, "Young man, I'll find you guilty of unlawfully obtaining possession of and disposing of one fiddle and will fix your punishment at thirty days in jail and a fine of fifty dollars."

## FIGHT FOR BIG MEET

By United Press.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Chicago, St. Louis and Francisco has representatives on the ground fighting for the next national Democratic convention. Dallas has the biggest delegation and has sent a certified check for \$100,000 in charge of Gov. Ferguson and Mayor Lindsay.

Dallas raised the ante by offering an extra thirty thousand dollars for the expenses of the convention and this offer may be met by Chicago and St. Louis.

Sophie G. Meredith, Mrs. Percy S. Road and Mrs. W. J. Adams of Richmond; Utah—Mrs. Margaret Zane Cherdon of Salt Lake City; District of Columbia—Mrs. Richard Wainwright, Mrs. Ellen Spencer Mussey and others; Delaware—Mrs. Paul du Pont; Wisconsin—The Rev. Olympia Brown.

## WEATHER FORECAST. For Oklahoma.

Tonight, Rain, Colder in West portion, Tuesday, Fair and Colder.

Local Temperature.

During the twenty-four hours ending at 8 o'clock a. m.:

Maximum ..... 69 degrees

Minimum ..... 42 degrees

## TO SETTLE LOT TITLES IN TUTTLE

U. S. Attorney Meets Citizens and  
Announces Agreement Reached  
Between Townsite Claimant  
and Government

Tuttle, Okla., Dec. 6.—United States Attorney Linebaugh of Muskogee, met with the people of Tuttle Saturday and presented to them a proposition to end the townsite litigation, and meeting with quite an enthusiastic reception. In the course of his remarks, Mr. Linebaugh said:

"In justice to the attorneys who represent Mr. Dowden, the litigant in this matter, I will say for them that they have appreciated your position here as men of honor and have represented their client as only honorable men should and do not deserve any condemnation, but rather commendation for the manner in which they have acted in all the matters pertaining to this unfortunate situation. When I was first appointed as the federal attorney, these gentlemen made an effort and did bring this matter to my attention first of any one else in order to have an adjustment, so that your titles might be properly cleared up and the government complete its contract with you. They showed to my office as they did to the federal courts that Mr. Dowden had asserted a proper position in his contention as to his title being prior to that attained by the government and the courts have so held, and the settlement which I shall recommend to my department at Washington will be such as will settle the townsite problem, and give you your titles direct from the government under its contract under the schedule of property, with all former judgments cleared from the records so that nothing will stand in the way of your town taking its proper place among the towns of the country as it should.

"I am here as the attorney of the government to do all I can to adjust this matter and shall recommend an agreement that has been reached between myself and the attorneys of Mr. Dowden to the end that the government pay Mr. Dowden for his claim and he in turn execute such conveyances as will clear the records against the people of the town of Tuttle, and will show that the firm of Bond, Melton & Melton have always been the friend of the people of Tuttle, as they have shown to us they have been, and not the enemy that should receive condemnation, as they may have done in some instances when a hasty conclusion was reached through unjust criticism."

That the way to clear all titles in Tuttle will soon be effected is confidently believed by people here.

## Fifty Pupils in Alex Moonlight School

J. C. Weaver, superintendent of the Alex schools, was in Chickasha on business with the county superintendent yesterday and before returning to Alex, stated that the condition of the Alex schools was better than ever. Mr. Weaver has a total enrollment of 203 pupils and has a corps of four grade teachers assisting him.

In addition to having a splendid regular school, Mr. Weaver boasts one of the largest moonlight schools in this section of Oklahoma, possibly the heaviest in the county. Fifty pupils, all adults, are enrolled as students in the Alex moonlight school.

## READY TO HEAD OFF ROUMANIA

German Forces Sent to Meet Expected New Enemy and Repulse Russian Invasion; Trouble on Danube is Feared

SERBS RETREAT TO  
GREEK TERRITORY

British Liner Escapes After Being Chased by Submarine for Five Hours; Probe for Labor Peace Council

By United Press.

Athens, Dec. 6.—Greek military authorities received word today that Germany has sent a division of infantry with heavy artillery to Rostok to meet the Roumanian concentration near there and to repel an expected Russian invasion.

The Roumanian order commanding all foreign shipping in Roumanian ports is scheduled to go into effect today and is expected to create trouble along the Danube if Austro-Hungarian or Bulgarian boats are seized.

The order is not regarded here as sufficient evidence that Roumania is to enter the war with the allies but the situation is admittedly puzzling.

It is reliably reported that King Constantine is about to give the allies assurance that their demands will be granted in full.

Cross Into Greece.

London, Dec. 6.—News agency dispatches from Salonika today say part of the Serbian forces retreated from Monastir across the Greek border and joined the French-British expeditionary forces.

Steamer Escapes.

London, Dec. 6.—The government press bureau announced today that the British passenger liner Japanese Prince escaped from a German submarine after a five hours' chase, during which it was heavily shelled.

More Probing Proposed.

New York, Dec. 6.—The federal authorities are expected to place new evidence before the grand jury, said to involve names of national prominence in a line of activity that has hitherto been untouched by the government investigators.

The grand jury will investigate the national labor peace council which came into prominence several months ago through purporting to voice the demands of American workmen that the war be stopped.

The government is expected to seek a possible connection between a seventy thousand dollar German fund and the council's part in American strikes.

Congressman Buchanan of Illinois and Former Congressman Fowler of New York are among the witnesses expected to testify, denying that the council received pro-German support.

Lieut. Robert Fay, Walter Scholz, Dr. Herbert Klenze, Max Breitung, Englebert Bronkhurst and Paul Daecher were indicted by the grand jury for conspiracy to commit murder by attaching bombs to ships leaving American ports.

MARRIAGE LICENSES GRANTED.

Saturday a marriage license was issued to Linn Bowman, aged 33, and Miss Anna Oliver, aged 18, both of Tuttle; Richard Ballard, aged 22, and Miss Annie Woodard, aged 20, both of Bradley.

TO INVESTIGATE GASOLINE PRICES IN CHICKASHA

County Attorney John Venable is in receipt of a letter from the chairman of the state corporation commission asking his co-operation in the matter of ascertaining the prices at which gasoline is being sold in Chickasha and surrounding towns.